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Letter dated 17 September 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the statement by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Nursultan A. Nazarbaev, regarding the terrorist attacks in the United States of America (see annex).

I would be grateful if the text of the above statement could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 178 of the provisional agenda of the fifty-sixth session, entitled "Measures to eliminate international terrorism".

(*Signed*) Madina B. **Jarbussynova**

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Statement by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Astana, 15 September 2001

In these tragic days for the United States of America, the people of Kazakhstan grieve with the American people for the thousands of innocent lives that have been lost.

I am following developments closely. It is of fundamental importance that the terrorists should be punished. The same applies to those harbouring these terrorists.

The United Nations and the Security Council have condemned this barbaric act of terrorism and called on the world community to take decisive action.

Kazakhstan is therefore ready to support such measures as the United States may take, with whatever means are available to it, to combat terrorism.

Kazakhstan has always spoken out against terrorism and is ready to participate in the establishment of an effective international coalition of countries to combat international terrorism.

At the same time, it is essential that any act of retribution should be not only effective but also just. This lays a heavy burden of responsibility on States. We rely on the wisdom of the United States Administration. We were glad to learn that the United States wishes, before taking action, to know exactly who committed these barbaric acts and who assisted the terrorists.

Today I sent a letter to President George Bush. It expresses Kazakhstan's support for action by the United States directed at combating international terrorism, this global cancer that has spread to every part of the world.

We hope that the American people will quickly be able to recover from this psychologically devastating blow and will remain committed to their great historical values.

(*Signed*) N. **Nazarbaev**